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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the Examiner's attention the document listed on attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the document listed on attached Form PTO-1449 and indicate that it was considered by making an appropriate notation on this form. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

The following is listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and is in a non-English language:

1. Japanese Patent Publication No. 10-206451 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 3 of the specification of the present application. An English language abstract of this document is also enclosed.

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against the claims of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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